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SUBJ: LOS: FINNISH GOALS FOR LOS: ALAND STRAITS AND  
FISHERIES.

REF: STOCKHOLM 4546, HELSINKI 2108.

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON HEAD MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT  
AMBASSADOR GUSTAFSSON, LATER INFORMED ME FINLAND HAD TWO  
MAIN CONCERNS IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS: ALAND ISLANDS STRAITS  
AND DISTANT FISHERIES.

2. FINLAND CONSIDERS ITSELF BOUND BY 1921 ALAND ISLANDS  
CONVENTION REGARDING PASSAGE OF WAR SHIPS THROUGH ALAND  
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STRAITS AND PREVENTING LOS CONVENTION FROM REQUIRING

ALAND STRAITS TO BE OPENED TO PASSAGE OF WAR SHIPS  
IS MAJOR FINNISH CONCERN. FINNS RECOGNIZED THAT SEA  
LANE IN ALAND STRAITS IS ON SWEDISH SIDE OF BOUNDARY BUT  
NOTE THAT WAR SHIPS MUST PASS THROUGH FINNISH TER-  
RITORIAL WATERS TO REACH STRAITS PROPER. SWEDES SUP-  
PORT FINNS ON THIS ISSUE. GUSTAFSSON SAID FINNS HAVE  
DISCUSSED ALAND STRAIT ISSUE WITH SEVERAL MAJOR COUNTRIES,  
INCLUDING US, BUT THAT ONLY SYMPATHETIC LISTENER SEEMED  
TO BE BRITISH.

3. FINNS ALSO CONCERNED THAT GENERAL ADOPTION OF 200-  
MILE OR SIMILARLY EXTENSIVE FISHING ZONE WILL CLOSE  
PRACTICALLY ALL WATERS USED BY FINNISH FISHERMEN. WHILE  
FINLAND CURRENTLY HAS ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF VESSELS  
ENGAGED IN TRULY DISTANT FISHERIES (OUTSIDE THE BALTIC  
IN THE NORTH SEA OR NORTHEAST ATLANTIC) FOREIGN MINISTRY  
IS CONCERNED AT POSSIBLE LOSS OF IMPORTANT FISHERIES ON  
SOVIET SIDE OF BALTIC OR AT CLOSING OFF FINNISH OPTIONS  
TO EXPAND DISTANT FISHERIES.  
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